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Subject to completion, dated March 2, 2009

Preliminary prospectus supplement

To Prospectus dated September 8, 2006

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

\$

% Senior Notes due 20

\$

% Senior Notes due 20

We are offering an aggregate of \$ of our debt securities, consisting of % Senior Notes due 20 , which will mature on March , 20 , and % Senior Notes due 20 , which will mature on March , 20 , and each such series of notes we refer to respectively as the 20 notes and the 20 notes and collectively as the notes.

We will pay interest on the notes each March and September , beginning on September , 2009.

We may redeem all or part of the notes at any time at the make-whole redemption price described in this prospectus supplement. There is no sinking fund for the notes. The redemption provisions are more fully described in this prospectus supplement under Specific terms of the notes.

The notes will be our unsecured senior obligations and will rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness that is not specifically subordinated to the notes.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk factors beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

	Price to public(1)	Underwriting discounts and commissions	Proceeds to us(1)
Per 20 note	%	%	%
Total	\$	\$	\$
Per 20 note	%	%	%
Total	\$	\$	\$

(1) Before expenses and plus accrued interest, if any, from , 2009.
 Delivery of the notes in book-entry form only will be made through The Depository Trust Company and its participants, Clearstream Banking S.A. and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, on or about , 2009, against payment in immediately available funds.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Joint book-running managers

J.P. Morgan

The date of this prospectus supplement is

UBS Investment Bank

, 2009.

Credit Suisse

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About this prospectus supplement

This prospectus supplement is a supplement to the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under the shelf process, we may, from time to time, issue and sell to the public any combination of the securities described in the accompanying prospectus up to an indeterminate amount, of which this offering is a part.

This prospectus supplement describes the specific terms of the notes we are offering and certain other matters relating to us. The accompanying prospectus gives more general information about securities we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the notes we are offering. Generally, when we refer to the prospectus, we are referring to this prospectus supplement combined with the accompanying prospectus. If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

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Forward-looking statements

We have made in this prospectus supplement and in the reports and documents incorporated by reference, and may from time to time otherwise make in other public filings, press releases and discussions with our management, forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, concerning our operations, economic performance and financial condition. These forward-looking statements include information concerning future production and reserves, schedules, plans, timing of development, contributions from oil and gas properties, marketing and midstream activities and those statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the words believes, expects, anticipates, intends, estimates, projects, target, goal, plans, objective, should or similar variations on such expressions.

For these statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, our assumptions about energy markets, production levels, reserve levels, operating results, competitive conditions, technology, the availability of capital resources, capital expenditures and other contractual obligations, the supply and demand for and the price of natural gas, oil, NGLs and other products or services, volatility in the commodity futures market, the weather, inflation, the availability of goods and services, drilling risks, future processing volumes and pipeline throughput, general economic conditions, either internationally or nationally or in the jurisdictions in which we or our subsidiaries are doing business, legislative or regulatory changes, including changes in environmental regulation, environmental risks and liability under federal, state and foreign environmental laws and regulations, potential environmental or other obligations arising from Kerr-McGee's former chemical business, the securities, capital or credit markets, our ability to repay debt, the outcome of any proceedings related to the Algerian exceptional profits tax, and other factors discussed in Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and in our other public filings, press releases and discussions with our management. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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Summary

This summary does not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read carefully the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference for a more complete understanding of this offering. You should read Risk factors beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for more information about important risks that you should consider before making a decision to purchase notes in this offering.

Our, we, us and Anadarko as used in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus refer solely to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires.

The Specific terms of the notes section of this prospectus supplement contains more detailed information about the terms and conditions of the notes. We have defined certain oil and gas industry terms used in this document in the Glossary of oil and natural gas terms on page G-1.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

General

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation is among the largest independent oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world, with 2.28 billion BOE of proved reserves as of December 31, 2008. Our primary business segments are vertically integrated within the oil and gas industry. These segments are managed separately because of the nature of their products and services, as well as unique technology, distribution and marketing requirements. Our three operating segments are:

Oil and gas exploration and production This segment explores for and produces natural gas, crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids (NGLs). Our major areas of operation are located onshore in the United States, the deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico and Algeria. We also have production in China and are executing strategic exploration programs in several other countries, including Ghana and Brazil.

Midstream This segment engages in gathering, processing, treating and transporting Anadarko and third-party oil and gas production. We own and operate natural gas gathering, treating and processing systems in the United States.

Marketing This segment sells most of our production, as well as commodities purchased from third parties. We actively market natural gas, oil and NGLs in the United States, and actively market oil from Algeria and China. We also have hard minerals properties that contribute to operating income through non-operated joint ventures and royalty arrangements in several coal, trona (natural soda ash) and industrial mineral mines located on lands within and adjacent to our Land Grant holdings. The Land Grant is an 8 million acre strip running through portions of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah and is where we own most of our fee mineral rights. We are committed to minimizing our

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impact on the environment from exploration and production activities of our worldwide operations through programs such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) sequestration and the reduction of surface area used for production facilities.

For a further description of our business, properties and operations, you should read our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

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The offering

Issuer Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Securities offered \$ aggregate principal amount of notes:
 \$ aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 20 .

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Maturity date For the 20 notes: March , 20 .
 For the 20 notes: March , 20 .

Interest payment dates We will pay interest on the notes on March and September of each year, beginning on September , 2009.

Ranking The notes:

are unsecured;

rank equally with all of our existing and future senior indebtedness;

are senior to any future subordinated indebtedness; and

are effectively junior to our future secured indebtedness, if any, and to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2008, our subsidiaries had outstanding \$6.3 billion of indebtedness, excluding intercompany indebtedness.

Sinking fund None.

Optional redemption We may redeem, at our option, all or part of the notes at any time, at a make-whole redemption price plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. See Specific terms of the notes.

Covenants We will issue the notes as two separate series under an indenture containing covenants for your benefit. These covenants restrict our ability to take certain actions, including, but not

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limited to, the creation of liens securing debt. See Description of debt securities Limitations on liens in the accompanying prospectus.

Use of proceeds

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of debt maturing during 2009. See Use of proceeds.

Absence of public markets for the notes There is no existing market for the notes. We cannot provide any assurance about:

the liquidity of any markets that may develop for the notes;

your ability to sell your notes; or

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the prices at which you will be able to sell your notes.

Future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including:

prevailing interest rates;

our operating results;

ratings of the notes; and

the market for similar securities.

Certain of the underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in each series of the notes after completion of the offering. However, the underwriters do not have any obligation to do so, and they may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without any notice. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or for quotation of the notes in any automated dealer quotation system.

Risk factors

See **Risk factors** beginning at page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and **Risk Factors** in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for a discussion of the risk factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in the notes.

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The following table summarizes historical financial data of Anadarko. Our Canadian operations have been classified as discontinued operations. We prepared this summary historical financial data using our consolidated financial statements for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008, which have been audited by KPMG LLP.

This financial information is only a summary. You should read it in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and our consolidated historical financial statements and notes thereto incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

(millions except per share amount)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Income Statement Data:			
Revenues and other:			
Gas sales	\$ 6,254	\$ 4,119	\$ 4,186
Oil and condensate sales	6,502	4,807	4,618
Natural gas liquids sales	802	719	594
Gathering, processing and marketing sales	1,082	1,487	718
Gains (losses) on divestitures and other, net	1,083	4,760	114
Total	15,723	15,892	10,230
Costs and expenses:			
Oil and gas operating	1,104	1,101	822
Oil and gas transportation and other	553	453	341
Exploration	1,369	905	737
Gathering, processing and marketing	800	1,025	553
General and administrative	866	936	768
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	3,194	2,840	1,752
Other taxes	1,452	1,234	549
Impairments	223	51	327
Total	9,561	8,545	5,849
Operating income	6,162	7,347	4,381
Other (income) expense:			
Interest expense	742	1,092	650
Other (income) expense, net	51	(74)	(6)
Minority interests	23		
Total	816	1,018	644
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	5,346	6,329	3,737
Income tax expense	2,148	2,559	1,263
Income from continuing operations	3,198	3,770	2,474
Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes	63	11	2,275
Net income	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,781	\$ 4,749

Preferred stock dividends	1	3	3
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 3,260	\$ 3,778	\$ 4,746
Balance Sheet Data (as of period end):			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,360	\$ 1,268	\$ 491
Total assets	48,923	48,451	54,964
Total liabilities	30,128	32,087	42,561
Total equity	\$18,795	\$16,364	\$12,403

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The following table sets forth certain information with respect to oil and gas reserve and production data relating to our continuing operations. The following information should be read in connection with the information contained in the financial statements and notes thereto incorporated by reference, or included elsewhere, in this document. The information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of future results.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Estimated net proved reserves (at end of period):			
Natural gas (Bcf)	8,105	8,504	10,486
Oil, condensate & NGLs (MMBbls)	926	1,014	1,264
Total (MMBOE)	2,277	2,431	3,011
Percent oil, condensate, and NGLs	41%	42%	42%
Percent proved developed	70%	67%	66%
Standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows (millions)	\$11,971	\$28,917	\$25,633
Reserve additions (MMBOE)	102	131	1,113
Reserve life (years)	11	12	16
Sales:			
Natural gas (Bcf)	750	698	558
Oil and condensate (MMBbls)	67	79	70
Natural gas liquids (MMBbls)	14	16	15
Total (MMBOE)	206	211	178
Costs incurred: (millions)			
Development	3,530	2,805	3,084
Exploration	1,031	834	806
Property acquisitions	431	(884)	27,868
Total costs incurred	\$ 4,992	\$ 2,755	\$31,758
Average sales price per unit:			
Includes effect of derivatives			
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	8.34	5.90	7.50
Oil and condensate (\$/Bbl)	97.21	61.19	65.43
Natural gas liquids (\$/Bbl)	56.11	45.90	39.58
Before derivative transactions			
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	7.65	5.74	6.14
Oil and condensate (\$/Bbl)	96.15	68.68	60.28
Natural gas liquids (\$/Bbl)	56.11	45.87	39.71
Total includes effect of derivatives (\$/BOE)	65.75	45.81	52.63
Production costs (millions)	3,360	2,913	1,842

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Risk factors

*An investment in the notes involves risks. You should consider carefully the risk factors included below and under the caption **Risk factors** on page 2 of the accompanying prospectus, as well as those discussed under the caption **Risk Factors** in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, together with all of the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement, when evaluating an investment in the notes.*

Risks relating to the notes

We may not be able to generate enough cash flow to meet our debt obligations.

We expect our earnings and cash flow to vary significantly from year to year due to the nature of our industry. As a result, the amount of debt that we can manage in some periods may not be appropriate for us in other periods. Additionally, our future cash flow may be insufficient to meet our debt obligations and other commitments, including our obligations under the notes. Any insufficiency could negatively impact our business. A range of economic, competitive, business and industry factors will affect our future financial performance, and, as a result, our ability to generate cash flow from operations and to pay our debt, including our obligations under the notes. Many of these factors, such as oil and gas prices, economic and financial conditions in our industry and the global economy or competitive initiatives of our competitors, are beyond our control. If we do not generate enough cash flow from operations to satisfy our debt obligations, we may have to undertake alternative financing plans, such as:

- refinancing or restructuring our debt;
- selling assets;
- reducing or delaying capital investments; or
- seeking to raise additional capital.

However, we cannot assure you that undertaking alternative financing plans or our ability to obtain alternative financing, if necessary, would allow us to meet our debt obligations. Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt obligations, including our obligations under the notes, or to obtain alternative financing, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Because a significant portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries, our ability to service our debt is largely dependent on our receipt of distributions or other payments from our subsidiaries.

A significant portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to service our debt is largely dependent on the earnings of our subsidiaries and the payment of those earnings to us in the form of dividends, loans or advances and through repayment of loans or advances from us. Payments to us by our subsidiaries will be contingent upon our subsidiaries earnings and other business considerations and may be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions. In addition, there may be significant tax and other legal restrictions on the ability of our non-U.S. subsidiaries to remit money to us.

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The claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will be effectively senior to claims of holders of the notes.

Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities. Our right to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries upon the insolvency, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, and therefore the right of the holders of the notes to participate in those assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors. In addition, even if we are a creditor of any of our subsidiaries, our rights as a creditor would be subordinated to any security interest in the assets of our subsidiaries and any indebtedness of our subsidiaries would be senior to that held by us.

The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our future secured debt and our subsidiary debt.

The notes will not be secured by any of our property or assets. Thus, by owning a debt security, holders of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement will be our unsecured creditors. The indenture governing the notes described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will, subject to some limitations, permit us to incur secured indebtedness and the notes will be effectively subordinated to any future secured indebtedness we may incur to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness. As of December 31, 2008, we had no outstanding secured indebtedness. In addition, the notes will be structurally subordinated to indebtedness of our subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2008, our subsidiaries had outstanding \$6.3 billion of indebtedness, excluding intercompany indebtedness. The notes will rank equally with all of our senior debt.

Active trading markets for the notes may not develop, which could make it more difficult for holders of the notes to sell their notes and/or result in a lower price at which holders would be able to sell their notes.

There is currently no established trading market for either series of the notes, and there can be no assurance as to the liquidity of any markets that may develop for the notes, the ability of the holders of the notes to sell their notes or the price at which such holders would be able to sell their notes. If such a market were to exist, the notes could trade at prices that may be lower than the initial market values of the notes depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates and our business performance. Certain of the underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes of each series after the consummation of this offering, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. However, none of the underwriters is obligated to do so, and any market making with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. See Underwriting.

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The following table sets forth our capitalization as of December 31, 2008:

on a consolidated historical basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to give effect to (i) the completion of this offering and (ii) our application of the estimated proceeds from this offering to cash and cash equivalents pending their usage in the manner described in Use of proceeds.

(millions of dollars) (unaudited)	As of December 31, 2008	
	Historical	As Adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,360	\$
Short-term debt:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,472	1,472
Total short-term debt	1,472	1,472
Long-term debt, less current portion:		
Historical long-term debt	10,867	10,867
20 Notes offered hereby		
20 Notes offered hereby		
Total long-term debt, less current portion	10,867	
Total debt	\$ 12,339	\$
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (1.0 billion shares authorized, 471.6 million shares issued as of December 31, 2008)	\$ 47	\$ 47
Paid-in capital	5,696	5,696
Retained earnings	14,179	14,179
Treasury stock (11.7 million shares as of December 31, 2008)	(686)	(686)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss:		
Losses on derivative instruments	(118)	(118)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1)	(1)
Pension and other postretirement plans	(322)	(322)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (441)	\$ (441)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 18,795	\$ 18,795
Total capitalization	\$ 31,134	\$

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The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated on a consolidated historical basis.

	Year Ended December 31,				
2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	
4.79	4.66	5.24	12.50	5.80	

For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are defined as:

income from continuing operations before income taxes and equity method earnings of affiliates; plus

fixed charges and distributed income of equity investees.

Fixed charges are defined as the sum of the following:

interest expense (including amounts capitalized);

amortization of debt discount and issuance cost (expensed and capitalized); and

that portion of rental expense which we believe to be representative of an interest factor.

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Use of proceeds

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$ billion, after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of our debt maturing in 2009. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily in short-term marketable securities pending such usages.

Our debt maturing in 2009 includes approximately \$1.4 billion of our Floating Rate Senior Notes due September 15, 2009.

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Specific terms of the notes

Please note that in this section entitled Specific terms of the notes, references to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, we, our and us mean only Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and do not include its consolidated subsidiaries. Also, in this section, holders mean The Depository Trust Company or its nominee and not the indirect owners who own beneficial interests in the notes through participants in The Depository Trust Company or its nominee. Please review the special considerations that apply to indirect owners in the accompanying prospectus, under Description of debt securities Form of debt securities.

We are offering two series, or tranches, of notes pursuant to this prospectus supplement:

% Senior Notes due 20
% Senior Notes due 20

Each tranche of notes will be a separate series of debt securities issued under that certain Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2006, which we refer to as our indenture, by and between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as the trustee. As of December 31, 2008, there are four other series of senior notes outstanding under the indenture aggregating \$7.3 billion in principal amount, including \$2.4 billion in aggregate principal amount of Zero Coupon Notes due 2036 having an accreted value of \$0.6 billion. References in this prospectus supplement to the notes mean each of the tranches of notes offered hereby. This prospectus supplement summarizes specific financial and other terms that will apply to the notes; terms that apply generally to all of our debt securities are described in Description of debt securities in the accompanying prospectus. The terms described here supplement those described in the accompanying prospectus and, if the terms described here are inconsistent with those described there, the terms described here are controlling.

Common terms of each series of notes

In addition to the terms specified in our indenture and the additional terms set forth under Specific terms of each series of notes below, each of the series of notes we are offering will have the following terms:

Issuer of the notes: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Issue date: March , 2009

Date interest starts accruing: March , 2009

Denomination: multiples of \$1,000, with a \$2,000 minimum

Defeasance: The notes are subject to defeasance and covenant defeasance by us, subject to the terms described in the accompanying prospectus.

Repayment at the option of holder: None.

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Interest payment dates: every March and September of each year

First due date for interest: September , 2009

Regular record dates for interest: every and

Day count: 30/360; we will calculate accrued interest on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

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Business day: Any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday, and that is not a day on which banking institutions are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close in New York, New York. If an interest payment date or a redemption date occurs on a date that is not a business day, payment will be made on the next business day and no additional interest will accrue.

Optional redemption: We will have the option to redeem the notes upon 30 to 60 days prior notice, in whole or in part, at any time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed or (2) as determined by the quotation agent described below under *Make whole calculation*, plus, in each case, accrued interest on the notes to be redeemed to the date on which the notes are to be redeemed.

Make whole calculation

The quotation agent will determine the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the notes, not including any portion of these payments of interest accrued as of the date on which the notes are to be redeemed, discounted to the date on which the notes are to be redeemed on a semi-annual basis assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, at the adjusted treasury rate described below plus basis points in the case of the 20 notes and basis points in the case of the 20 notes.

The quotation agent will utilize the following procedures to calculate the adjusted treasury rate. We will appoint J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. or its successor and two or more other primary U.S. Government securities dealers in New York City as reference dealers, and we will appoint J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. or its successor to act as our quotation agent. If J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. or its successor is no longer a primary U.S. Government securities dealer, we will substitute another primary U.S. Government securities dealer in its place as a reference dealer and as quotation agent. The trustee will act as calculation agent.

The quotation agent will select a United States Treasury security which has a maturity comparable to the remaining maturity of the series of our notes to be redeemed which would be used in accordance with customary financial practice to price new issues of corporate debt securities with a maturity comparable to the remaining maturity of such notes. The reference dealers will provide the quotation agent, the calculation agent and the trustee with the bid and ask prices for that comparable United States Treasury security as of 5:00 p.m. on the third business day before the redemption date. The calculation agent will calculate the average of the bid and ask prices provided by each reference dealer, eliminate the highest and the lowest reference dealer quotations and then calculate the average of the remaining reference dealer quotations. However, if the calculation agent obtains fewer than three reference dealer quotations, it will calculate the average of all the reference dealer quotations and not eliminate any quotations. We call this average quotation the comparable treasury price. The adjusted treasury rate will be the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of a security whose price, expressed as a percentage of its principal amount, is equal to the comparable treasury price.

Specific terms of each series of notes

Specific Terms of % Senior Notes due 20

In addition to the terms specified in our indenture and the terms set forth under *Common terms of each series of notes* above, the specific terms of this series of notes we are offering will be as follows:

Title of the notes: % Senior Notes due 20

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Total principal amount being issued: \$

Initial public offering price: % of the principal amount

Underwriting discount: % of the principal amount

Maturity date for principal: March , 20

Interest: % per annum

Specific Terms of % Senior Notes due 20

In addition to the terms specified in our indenture and the terms set forth under Common terms of each series of notes above, the specific terms of this series of notes we are offering will be as follows:

Title of the notes: % Senior Notes due 20

Total principal amount being issued: \$

Initial public offering price: % of the principal amount

Underwriting discount: % of the principal amount

Maturity date for principal: March , 20

Interest: % per annum

Additional information about the notes

Book-entry notes

We will issue the notes of each series only in book-entry form i.e., as global notes registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, or its nominee. The sale of the notes will settle in immediately available funds through DTC. You will not be permitted to withdraw the notes from DTC except in the limited situations described in the accompanying prospectus under Description of debt securities Form of debt securities .

Investors may hold interests in a global note through organizations that participate, directly or indirectly, in the DTC system, including Clearstream Banking S.A. and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System. See Description of debt securities Form of debt securities in the accompanying prospectus for additional information about indirect ownership of interests in the notes.

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Material United States federal income tax considerations

The following general discussion summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax considerations of the ownership and disposition of the notes by holders who purchase notes for cash at their original issuance at their issue price (i.e. the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes is sold to the public, excluding sales to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers). This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (which we refer to as the Code), regulations of the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service (which we refer to as the IRS) rulings and pronouncements, and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly on a retroactive basis). This summary assumes that the notes are not issued with original issue discount (OID) as that term is defined in the Code and Treasury regulations. We have not and will not seek any rulings or opinions from the IRS regarding the matters discussed below. There can be no assurance that the IRS will not take positions concerning the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the notes which are different from those discussed below.

This discussion is a summary for general information only and does not consider all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes. In addition, this discussion is limited to the U.S. federal income tax consequences to initial holders that purchase notes of any series for cash, at their original issue price, pursuant to this offering and who hold the notes as capital assets (generally, property held for investment). It does not describe any tax consequences arising out of the tax laws of any state, local or foreign jurisdiction, any estate or gift tax consequences, or the U.S. federal income tax consequences to investors subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws, such as:

dealers in securities or foreign currency;

tax-exempt entities;

banks;

thrifts;

regulated investment companies;

real estate investment trusts;

traders in securities that have elected the mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities;

insurance companies;

persons that hold notes as part of a straddle, a hedge or a conversion transaction or other risk reduction transaction;

persons liable for alternative minimum tax;

expatriates;

U.S. holders (defined below) that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar;

pass-through entities (e.g., partnerships) or investors who hold the notes through pass-through entities;

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passive foreign investment companies; and

controlled foreign corporations.

If a partnership, including any entity or arrangement that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is a beneficial owner of notes, the treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership that is considering purchasing notes, you should consult with your tax advisor.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING BUYING NOTES, WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR ABOUT THE PARTICULAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES, AND THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION.

U.S. holders

A U.S. holder is a beneficial owner of notes that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, that was created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate if its income is subject to U.S. federal income taxation, regardless of its source; or

a trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or if the trust has validly elected to continue to be treated as a domestic trust.

Taxation of interest

Interest on the notes is generally taxable to you as ordinary income:

when it accrues, if you use the accrual method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes; or

when you receive it, if you use the cash method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Certain debt instruments that provide for one or more contingent payments are subject to Treasury regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments. A payment is not treated as a contingent payment under these regulations if, as of the issue date of the debt instrument, the likelihood that such payment will be made is remote. In certain circumstances (see, the discussion of *Optional redemption* under *Specific terms of the notes* *Common terms of each series of notes*), we may pay amounts on the notes that are in excess of the stated interest or principal of the notes. We intend to take the position that the possibility that any such payment will be made is remote so that such possibility will not cause the notes to be treated as contingent payment debt instruments. Our determination that these contingencies are remote is binding on you unless you disclose your contrary position to the IRS in the manner that is required by applicable Treasury regulations. Our determination is not, however, binding on the IRS. It is possible that the IRS might take a different position from that described above, in which case the timing, character and amount of taxable income in respect of the notes may be different from that described herein.

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Sale or other disposition of notes

You generally must recognize taxable gain or loss on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note. The amount of your gain or loss equals the difference between the sum of the amount of cash plus the fair market value of all other property you receive for the note (to the extent such amount does not represent accrued but unpaid interest, which will be treated as such), minus your adjusted tax basis in the note. Your initial tax basis in a note generally is the price you paid for the note. Any such gain or loss on a taxable disposition of a note will generally constitute capital gain or loss. This capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of the sale or other taxable disposition you have held the notes for more than one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Information reporting and backup withholding

Information reporting may apply to payments of interest on, or the proceeds of the sale or other disposition of, notes held by you, and backup withholding generally will apply unless you provide us or the appropriate intermediary with a taxpayer identification number, certified under penalties of perjury, and comply with certain certification procedures, or you otherwise establish an exemption from backup withholding. U.S. backup withholding tax is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules is allowable as a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, and a refund may be obtained if the amounts withheld exceed your actual U.S. federal income tax liability and you provide the required information or appropriate claim form to the IRS.

Non-U.S. holders

You are a non-U.S. holder for purposes of this discussion if you are a beneficial owner of notes and are for U.S. federal income tax purposes an individual, corporation, estate or trust that is not a U.S. holder.

Income and withholding tax on payments on the notes

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding below, you will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on payments of interest on a note, provided that:

you are not:

an actual or constructive owner of 10% or more of the total voting power of all our voting stock; or

a controlled foreign corporation related (directly or indirectly) to us through stock ownership;

such interest payments are not effectively connected with the conduct by you of a trade or business within the United States; and

we or our paying agent receives:

from you, a properly completed Form W-8BEN (or substitute Form W-8BEN or the appropriate successor form) signed under penalties of perjury, which provides your name and address and certifies that you are a non-U.S. holder; or

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from a security clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds the notes in the ordinary course of its trade or business (a financial institution) on behalf of you, certification under penalties of perjury that such a Form W-8BEN (or substitute Form W-8BEN or the appropriate successor form) has been received by it, or by another such financial institution, from you, and a copy of the Form W-8BEN (or substitute Form W-8BEN or the appropriate successor form) must be attached to such certification.

Special rules may apply to holders who hold notes through qualified intermediaries within the meaning of U.S. federal income tax laws.

If interest on a note is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States, and if you are entitled to benefits under an applicable tax treaty, such interest is attributable to a permanent establishment or a fixed base maintained by you in the United States, then such income generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the rates applicable to U.S. persons generally (and, if you are a corporate holder, such income may also be subject to a 30% branch profits tax or such lower rate as may be available under an applicable income tax treaty). If interest is subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis in accordance with the rules described in the preceding sentence, payments of such interest will not be subject to U.S. withholding tax so long as you provide us or our paying agent with a properly completed Form W-8ECI, signed under penalties of perjury.

A non-U.S. holder that does not qualify for exemption from withholding under the preceding paragraphs generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at the rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) on payments of interest on the notes.

NON-U.S. HOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS ABOUT ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX TREATIES, WHICH MAY PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM OR A LOWER RATE OF WITHHOLDING TAX, EXEMPTION FROM OR REDUCTION OF BRANCH PROFITS TAX, OR OTHER RULES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Sale or other disposition of notes

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding below, any gain realized by you on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of a note generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax, unless:

such gain is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States, and if you are entitled to benefits under an applicable tax treaty, such gain is attributable to a permanent establishment or a fixed base maintained by you in the United States;

in the case of an amount which is attributable to interest, you do not meet the conditions for exemption from U.S. federal income or withholding tax, as described above; or

you are an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are satisfied.

If the first bullet point applies, you generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax with respect to such gain in the same manner as U.S. holders, as described above, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. In addition, if you are a corporation, you may also be subject to the branch profits tax described above. If the third bullet point applies, you generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or at a reduced rate under an

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applicable income tax treaty) on the amount by which your capital gains from U.S. sources exceed capital losses allocable to U.S. sources.

Information reporting and backup withholding

Payments to you of interest on a note, and amounts withheld from such payments, if any, generally will be required to be reported to the IRS and to you. U.S. backup withholding tax generally will not apply to payments of interest and principal on a note if you duly provide a certification as to your foreign status, or you otherwise establish an exemption, provided that we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that you are a United States person.

Payment of the proceeds on the sale or other disposition of a note by you within the United States or conducted through certain U.S. intermediaries generally will not be subject to information reporting requirements and backup withholding provided you properly certify under penalties of perjury as to your foreign status and certain other conditions are met, or you otherwise establish an exemption.

Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules may be credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability and any excess may be refundable if the proper information is provided to the IRS. U.S. backup withholding tax is not an additional tax.

THE PRECEDING DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND IS NOT TAX ADVICE. EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE PARTICULAR FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF PURCHASING, HOLDING, AND DISPOSING OF OUR NOTES, INCLUDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY PROPOSED CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAWS.

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Underwriting

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement among us and the underwriters, we have agreed to sell to each underwriter, and each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase from us, the principal amount of the notes of each series that appears opposite its name in the table below:

Underwriter	Principal amount of 20 notes	Principal amount of 20 notes
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	\$	\$
UBS Securities LLC		
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		
Total	\$	\$

The obligations of the underwriters under the underwriting agreement, including their agreement to purchase notes from us, are several and not joint. Those obligations are also subject to various conditions in the underwriting agreement being satisfied. The underwriters have agreed to purchase all of the notes if any of them are purchased.

The underwriters initially propose to offer the notes to the public at the public offering price that appears on the cover of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters may offer the notes to selected dealers at the public offering price minus a concession of up to % and % of the principal amount of the 20 notes and the 20 notes, respectively. In addition, the underwriters may allow, and those selected dealers may reallow, a concession of up to % and % of the principal amount of the 20 notes and the 20 notes, respectively, to certain other dealers. After the initial offering, the underwriters may change the public offering price and any other selling terms.

In the underwriting agreement, we have agreed that:

We will pay our own expenses related to the offering, which we estimate will be \$1.0 million.

We will indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The notes are new issues of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for the notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the notes to be quoted on any quotation system. Certain of the underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes. However, they are not obligated to do so and they may discontinue any market making at any time in their sole discretion. Therefore, we cannot assure you that a liquid trading market will develop for the notes, that you will be able to sell your notes at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell will be favorable.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the underwriters. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the notes in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the notes. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open

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market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. Stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions may cause the price of the notes to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of those transactions. If the underwriters engage in stabilizing or syndicate covering transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

The underwriters or their affiliates have from time to time provided investment banking, commercial banking and financial advisory services to us and our affiliates, for which they have received customary compensation. The underwriters and their affiliates may provide similar services in the future. In addition, from time to time, certain of our underwriters and their affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in our debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future.

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Legal matters

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP will pass upon the validity of the notes offered hereby. Certain matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. In addition, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has in the past provided, and may continue to provide, legal services to us unrelated to this offering.

Experts

The consolidated financial statements of Anadarko as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

Certain information with respect to the oil and gas reserves associated with Anadarko's oil and gas prospects is confirmed in the procedures and methods review letter of Miller and Lents, Ltd., an independent petroleum consulting firm, and incorporated by reference into this document, upon the authority of said firm as experts with respect to the matters covered by such procedures and methods review letter and in giving such procedures and methods review letter.

Where you can find more information

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC (File No. 001-8968). Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and at our web site at <http://www.anadarko.com>. You may also read and copy at prescribed rates any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus form part of a registration statement we have filed with the SEC relating to, among other things, the notes. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all the information we have included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits and schedules we have filed with the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement, exhibits and schedules for more information about us and the notes. The statements this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus make pertaining to the content of any contract, agreement or other document that is an exhibit to the registration statement necessarily are summaries of their material provisions, and we qualify them in their entirety by reference to those exhibits for complete statements of their provisions. The registration statement, exhibits and schedules are available at the SEC's public reference room or through its Internet site.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol APC. Our reports, proxy statements and other information may be read and copied at the New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information that we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents.

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The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents and all documents that we subsequently file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (other than, in each case, information furnished rather than filed):

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008; and
our Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 26, 2009.

You may request a copy of these filings (other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing), at no cost, by writing to us at the following address or calling the following number:

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Attention: Corporate Secretary

1201 Lake Robbins Dr.

The Woodlands, Texas 77380

(832) 636-1000

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Glossary of oil and natural gas terms

The following are abbreviations and definitions of certain terms commonly used in the oil and gas industry and this document:

Bbl: One stock tank barrel, or 42 U.S. gallons liquid volume, used in reference to oil or other liquid hydrocarbon.

Bcf: One billion cubic feet of natural gas.

BOE: One stock tank barrel of oil equivalent, using the ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one barrel of crude oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

Condensate: Hydrocarbons which are in a gaseous state under reservoir conditions but which become liquid at the surface and may be recovered by conventional separators.

Mcf: One thousand cubic feet of natural gas. For the purposes of this prospectus, this volume is stated at the legal pressure base of the state or area in which the reserves are located and at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

MMBbl: One million barrels.

MMBOE: One million BOEs.

Natural gas liquids: Hydrocarbons found in natural gas which may be extracted as liquefied petroleum gas and natural gasoline.

Oil: Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids.

Proved developed reserves: Reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods.

Proved reserves or proved oil and natural gas reserves: The estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions.

Reserve life: The estimated productive life of a proved reservoir based upon the economic limit of such reservoir producing hydrocarbons in economic quantities, assuming certain price and cost parameters. For purposes of this prospectus, reserve life is determined on a BOE basis by dividing the estimated proved reserves and revisions of previous estimates, excluding property sales, at the end of the year by the oil and natural gas volumes produced during the year.

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Prospectus

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Common Stock

Debt Securities

We, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, may offer from time to time our debt securities and common stock. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we will offer these securities. The specific terms of any securities we offer will be included in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will also describe the specific manner in which we will offer the securities. Any prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement carefully before you make your investment decision.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol APC.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus is dated September 8, 2006.

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About this prospectus

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, over time, offer and sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we offer securities, we will provide one or more prospectus supplements that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. A prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading *Where You Can Find More Information* below. You should rely only on the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer to sell in any jurisdiction in which the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in the prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any other document incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the dates of those documents.

Unless the context requires otherwise or unless otherwise noted, all references in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement to Anadarko and to the company, we, us or our are to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries, including Western Gas Resources, Inc., or Western, and Kerr-McGee Corporation, or Kerr-McGee.

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Where you can find more information

Each time we offer to sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus, together with the applicable prospectus supplement, will include or refer you to all material information relating to each offering.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC (File No. 001-8968). Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and at our web site at <http://www.anadarko.com>. You may also read and copy at prescribed rates any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol APC. Our reports, proxy statements and other information may be read and copied at the New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information that we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents and all documents that we subsequently file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than, in each case, information furnished rather than filed):

our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005;

our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006;

our current reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 7, 2006, March 6, 2006, April 27, 2006, May 4, 2006, May 16, 2006, June 26, 2006, July 12, 2006, July 28, 2006, August 15, 2006, August 24, 2006 and September 7, 2006;

our current report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on September 8, 2006; and

the description of our common stock set forth in the registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on September 3, 1986, and the Form 8-A12B filed with the SEC on October 30, 1998 and as amended by the Form 8-A12B/A filed with the SEC on April 27, 2000.

You may request a copy of these filings (other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing), at no cost, by writing to us at the following address or calling the following number:

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Attention: Corporate Secretary

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Forward-looking statements

We have made in this prospectus and in the reports and documents incorporated herein by reference, and may from time to time otherwise make in other public filings, press releases and discussions with our management, forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, concerning the operations, economic performance and financial condition of Anadarko. These forward-looking statements include information concerning future production and reserves of Anadarko, schedules, plans, timing of development, contributions from oil and gas properties, and those statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the words believes, expects, anticipates, intends, estimates, projects, target, goal, plans, objective, should or similar expressions on these expressions.

For these statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, our assumptions about energy markets, production levels, reserve levels, operating results, competitive conditions, technology, the availability of capital resources, capital expenditures and other contractual obligations, the supply and demand for oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids (NGLs) and other products or services, the price of oil, natural gas, NGLs and other products or services, currency exchange rates, the weather, inflation, the availability of goods and services, drilling risks, future processing volumes and pipeline throughput, general economic conditions, either internationally or nationally or in the jurisdictions in which we or our subsidiaries are doing business, legislative or regulatory changes, including changes in environmental regulation, environmental risks and liability under federal, state and foreign environmental laws and regulations, the securities or capital markets, the ability to successfully integrate the operations of Anadarko, Kerr-McGee and Western, our ability to repay the debt incurred in connection with the acquisitions of Kerr-McGee and Western and other factors discussed in Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and in Risk Factors included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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About us

Our mission is to deliver a competitive and sustainable rate of return to stockholders by exploring for, acquiring and developing oil and natural gas resources vital to the world's health and welfare. Our primary line of business is the exploration, development, production and marketing of natural gas, crude oil, condensate and NGLs and the treatment and transportation of natural gas and NGLs. Our major areas of operations are located in the United States and Algeria. We are also active in Venezuela, Qatar and several other countries. Our focus is on adding high-margin oil and natural gas reserves at competitive costs and continuing to develop more efficient and effective ways of exploring for and producing oil and gas.

We also engage in the hard minerals business through non-operated joint ventures and royalty arrangements in several coal, trona (natural soda ash) and industrial mineral mines located on lands within and adjacent to our Land Grant holdings. Our Land Grant holdings comprise an eight million acre strip running through portions of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah where we own most of our fee mineral rights. We are committed to minimizing the environmental impact of exploration and production activities in our worldwide operations through programs such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) sequestration and the reduction of surface area used for production facilities.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1201 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, Texas 77380, and our telephone number is (832) 636-1000. We maintain a website on the Internet at <http://www.anadarko.com>. Information that you may find on our website is not part of this prospectus.

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Risk factors

You should carefully consider the factors contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 under the headings "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" and in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 under the heading "Risk Factors" before investing in our securities. You should also consider similar information contained in any annual report on Form 10-K or other document filed by us with the SEC after the date of this prospectus before deciding to invest in our securities. If applicable, we will include in any prospectus supplement a description of those significant factors that could make the offering described therein speculative or risky.

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Use of proceeds

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things:

- the repayment of outstanding indebtedness;
- working capital;
- capital expenditures; and
- acquisitions.

The precise amount and timing of the application of such proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other capital.

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The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated.

Six Months Ended June 30, 2006	2005	2004	2003	Year Ended December 31,	
				2002	2001*
13.92	12.99	5.63	4.98	3.47	

* Earnings in 2001 were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$58 million.

For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are defined as:

income from continuing operations before income taxes plus fixed charges.
Fixed charges are defined as the sum of the following:

interest expense (including amounts capitalized);
amortization of debt discount and issuance cost (expensed and capitalized); and
that portion of rental expense which we believe to be representative of an interest factor.

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Description of debt securities

General

The debt securities will not be secured by any property or assets of Anadarko. Thus, by owning a debt security, you are one of our unsecured creditors.

The debt securities will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt.

The indenture does not limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness.

The debt indenture and its associated documents, including your debt security, contain the full legal text of the matters described in this section and your prospectus supplement. We have filed a form of the indenture with the SEC as an exhibit to our registration statement. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) above for information on how to obtain copies of them.

This section and your prospectus supplement summarize all the material terms of the indenture and your debt security. They do not, however, describe every aspect of the indenture and your debt security. For example, in this section we use terms that have been given special meaning in the indenture, but we describe the meaning for only the more important of those terms.

Indenture

The debt securities are governed by a document called an indenture. The indenture is a contract between us and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A.

The trustee under the indenture has two main roles:

First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default. There are some limitations on the extent to which the trustee acts on your behalf, which we describe later under [Default, Remedies and Waiver of Default](#).

Second, the trustee performs administrative duties for us, such as sending you interest payments and notices.

Series of debt securities

We may issue as many distinct series of debt securities under the indenture as we wish. This section summarizes terms of the securities that apply generally to all series. The provisions of the indenture allow us not only to issue debt securities with terms different from those of debt securities previously issued under the indenture, but also to [reopen](#) a previously issued series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of that series. We will describe most of the financial and other specific terms of your series in the prospectus supplement for that series. Those terms may vary from the terms described here.

As you read this section, please remember that the specific terms of your debt security as described in your prospectus supplement will supplement and, if applicable, may modify or replace the general terms described in this section. If there are any differences between your prospectus supplement and this prospectus, your prospectus supplement will control. Thus, the statements we make in this section may not apply to your debt security.

When we refer to a series of debt securities, we mean a series issued under the indenture. When we refer to your prospectus supplement, we mean the prospectus supplement describing the

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specific terms of the debt security you purchase. The terms used in your prospectus supplement will have the meanings described in this prospectus, unless otherwise specified.

Amounts of issuances

The indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that we may issue or the number of series or the aggregate amount of any particular series. We may issue debt securities and other securities at any time without your consent and without notifying you.

The indenture and the debt securities do not limit our ability to incur other indebtedness or to issue other securities. Also, unless otherwise specified below or in your prospectus supplement, we are not subject to financial or similar restrictions by the terms of the debt securities.

Principal amount, stated maturity and maturity

The principal amount of a debt security means the principal amount payable at its stated maturity, unless that amount is not determinable, in which case the principal amount of a debt security is its face amount.

The term **stated maturity** with respect to any debt security means the day on which the principal amount of your debt security is scheduled to become due. The principal may become due sooner, by reason of redemption or acceleration after a default or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the debt security. The day on which the principal actually becomes due, whether at the stated maturity or earlier, is called the **maturity** of the principal.

We also use the terms **stated maturity** and **maturity** to refer to the days when other payments become due. For example, we may refer to a regular interest payment date when an installment of interest is scheduled to become due as the **stated maturity** of that installment. When we refer to the **stated maturity** or the **maturity** of a debt security without specifying a particular payment, we mean the stated maturity or maturity, as the case may be, of the principal.

Specific terms of debt securities

Your prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of your debt security, which will include some or all of the following:

the title of the series of your debt security;

any limit on the total principal amount of the debt securities of the same series;

the stated maturity;

the currency or currencies for principal and interest, if not U.S. dollars;

the price at which we originally issue your debt security, expressed as a percentage of the principal amount, and the original issue date;

whether your debt security is a fixed rate debt security, a floating rate debt security or an indexed debt security;

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if your debt security is a fixed rate debt security, the yearly rate at which your debt security will bear interest, if any, and the interest payment dates;

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if your debt security is a floating rate debt security, the interest rate basis; any applicable index currency or maturity, spread or spread multiplier or initial, maximum or minimum rate; the interest reset, determination, calculation and payment dates; the day count used to calculate interest payments for any period; and the calculation agent;

if your debt security is an indexed debt security, the principal amount, if any, we will pay you at maturity, interest payment dates, the amount of interest, if any, we will pay you on an interest payment date or the formula we will use to calculate these amounts, if any, and the terms on which your debt security will be exchangeable for or payable in cash, securities or other property;

if your debt security may be converted into or exercised or exchanged for common or preferred stock or other securities of Anadarko or debt or equity securities of one or more third parties, the terms on which conversion, exercise or exchange may occur, including whether conversion, exercise or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option, the period during which conversion, exercise or exchange may occur, the initial conversion, exercise or exchange price or rate and the circumstances or manner in which the amount of common or preferred stock or other securities issuable upon conversion, exercise or exchange may be adjusted;

if your debt security is also an original issue discount debt security, the yield to maturity;

if applicable, the circumstances under which your debt security may be redeemed at our option or repaid at the holder's option before the stated maturity, including any redemption commencement date, repayment date(s), redemption price(s) and redemption period(s);

the authorized denominations, if other than \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000;

the depository for your debt security, if other than The Depository Trust Company (DTC), and any circumstances under which the holder may request securities in non-global form, if we choose not to issue your debt security in book-entry form only;

if applicable, the circumstances under which we will pay additional amounts on any debt securities held by a person who is not a United States person for tax purposes and under which we can redeem the debt securities if we have to pay additional amounts;

the names and duties of any co-trustees, depositories, paying agents, transfer agents or registrars for your debt security; and

any other terms of your debt security, which could be different from those described in this prospectus.

Governing law

The debt indenture and the debt securities will be governed by New York law.

Form of debt securities

We will issue each debt security only in registered form, without coupons, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition, we will issue each debt security in global i.e., book-entry form only, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus

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supplement. Debt securities in book-entry form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of a depositary, which will be the holder of all the debt securities represented by the global security. Those who own beneficial interests in a global debt security will do so through participants in the depositary's securities clearance system, and the rights of these indirect owners will be governed solely by the applicable procedures of the depositary and its participants. References to holders in this section mean those who own debt securities registered in their own names, on the books that we or the trustee maintain for this purpose, and not those who own beneficial interests in debt securities registered in street name or in debt securities issued in book-entry form through one or more depositaries.

Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the following is a summary of the depositary arrangements applicable to debt securities issued in global form and for which DTC acts as depositary.

Each global debt security will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC, as depositary, or its nominee, and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. Except under the limited circumstances described below, global debt securities are not exchangeable for definitive certificated debt securities.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a global debt security is limited to institutions that have accounts with DTC or its nominee, or persons that may hold interests through those participants. In addition, ownership of beneficial interests by participants in a global debt security will be evidenced only by, and the transfer of that ownership interest will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee for a global debt security. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global debt security by persons that hold those interests through participants will be evidenced only by, and the transfer of that ownership interest within that participant will be effected only through, records maintained by that participant. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the participants through which the beneficial owners entered the transaction. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities they purchase in definitive form. These laws may impair your ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global debt security.

We will make payment of principal of, and interest on, debt securities represented by a global debt security registered in the name of or held by DTC or its nominee to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner and holder of the global debt security representing those debt securities. DTC has advised us that upon receipt of any payment of principal of, or interest on, a global debt security, DTC immediately will credit accounts of participants on its book-entry registration and transfer system with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective interests in the principal amount of that global debt security, as shown in the records of DTC. Payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a global debt security held through those participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the sole responsibility of those participants, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time.

Neither we, any trustee nor any of our respective agents will be responsible for any aspect of the records of DTC, any nominee or any participant relating to, or payments made on account of,

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beneficial interests in a permanent global debt security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the records of DTC, any nominee or any participant relating to such beneficial interests.

A global debt security is exchangeable for definitive debt securities registered in the name of, and a transfer of a global debt security may be registered to, any person other than DTC or its nominee, only if:

DTC notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depository for that global security and we do not appoint another institution to act as depository within 60 days; or

we notify the trustee that we wish to terminate that global security.

Any global debt security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence will be exchangeable in whole for definitive debt securities in registered form, of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount as the global debt security, in denominations specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, if other than \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000. The definitive debt securities will be registered by the registrar in the name or names instructed by DTC. We expect that these instructions may be based upon directions received by DTC from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global debt security.

Except as provided above, owners of the beneficial interests in a global debt security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of debt securities in definitive form and will not be considered the holders of debt securities for any purpose under the indenture. No global debt security shall be exchangeable except for another global debt security of like denomination and tenor to be registered in the name of DTC or its nominee. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a global debt security must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the global debt security or the indenture.

We understand that, under existing industry practices, in the event that we request any action of holders, or an owner of a beneficial interest in a global debt security desires to give or take any action that a holder is entitled to give or take under the debt securities or the indenture, DTC would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take that action. Additionally, those participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through those participants to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

DTC has advised us as follows:

DTC is:

a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law,

a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law,

a member of the Federal Reserve System,

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and

a clearing agency registered under Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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DTC was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among its participants in those securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates.

DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations.

DTC is owned by a number of its participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

Access to DTC's book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies, that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

Investors may hold interests in the debt securities outside the United States through the Euroclear System (Euroclear) or Clearstream Banking (Clearstream) if they are participants in those systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in those systems. Euroclear and Clearstream will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers securities accounts in Euroclear's and Clearstream's names on the books of their respective depositories which in turn will hold such positions in customers' securities accounts in the names of the nominees of the depositories on the books of DTC. At the present time JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association will act as U.S. depository for Euroclear, and Citibank, National Association will act as U.S. depository for Clearstream. All securities in Euroclear or Clearstream are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts.

The following is based on information furnished by Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be.

Euroclear has advised us that:

It was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash;

Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries;

Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./ N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System (the Euroclear Operator), under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the Cooperative);

The Euroclear Operator conducts all operations, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear participants. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include underwriters of debt securities offered by this prospectus;

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Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly;

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the Terms and Conditions);

The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants; and

Distributions with respect to debt securities held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. depository for Euroclear. Clearstream has advised us that:

It is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depository and holds securities for its participating organizations and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates;

Clearstream provides to Clearstream participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries;

As a professional depository, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Monetary Institute;

Clearstream participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may include underwriters of debt securities offered by this prospectus;

Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream participant either directly or indirectly; and

Distributions with respect to the debt securities held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. depository for Clearstream.

We have provided the following descriptions of the operations and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of Euroclear and Clearstream and are subject to change by them from time to time. Neither we, any underwriters nor the trustee takes any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and you are urged to contact Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants directly to discuss these matters.

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Secondary market trading between Euroclear participants and Clearstream participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in immediately available funds.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other, will be effected within DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by its U.S. depository; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving debt securities in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures. Euroclear participants and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. depositories.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of securities received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits, or any transactions in the securities settled during such processing, will be reported to the relevant Euroclear participants or Clearstream participants on that business day. Cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of sales of securities by or through a Euroclear participant or a Clearstream participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the business day of settlement in DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of debt securities among participants of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and they may discontinue the procedures at any time.

Redemption or repayment

If there are any provisions regarding redemption or repayment applicable to your debt security, we will describe them in your prospectus supplement.

We or our affiliates may purchase debt securities from investors who are willing to sell from time to time, either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Debt securities that we or they purchase may, at our discretion, be held, resold or canceled.

Mergers and similar transactions

We are generally permitted under the indenture to merge or consolidate with another corporation or other entity. We are also permitted under the indenture to sell all or substantially all of our assets to another corporation or other entity. With regard to any series of debt securities, however, we may not take any of these actions unless all the following conditions, among other things, are met:

If the successor entity in the transaction is not Anadarko the successor entity must be organized as a corporation, partnership or trust and must expressly assume our obligations under the

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debt securities of that series and the indenture. The successor entity may be organized under the laws of any jurisdiction, whether in the United States or elsewhere.

Immediately after the transaction, no default under the debt securities of that series has occurred and is continuing. For this purpose, default under the debt securities of that series means an event of default with respect to that series or any event that would be an event of default with respect to that series if the requirements for giving us default notice and for our default having to continue for a specific period of time were disregarded. We describe these matters below under Default, Remedies and Waiver of Default.

If the conditions described above are satisfied with respect to the debt securities of any series, we will not need to obtain the approval of the holders of those debt securities in order to merge or consolidate or to sell our assets. Also, these conditions will apply only if we wish to merge or consolidate with another entity or sell all or substantially all of our assets to another entity. We will not need to satisfy these conditions if we enter into other types of transactions, including any transaction in which we acquire the stock or assets of another entity, any transaction that involves a change of control of Anadarko but in which we do not merge or consolidate and any transaction in which we sell less than substantially all our assets.

If we sell all or substantially all of our assets, we will be released from all our liabilities and obligations under the debt securities of any series and the indenture. Also, if we merge, consolidate or sell substantially all of our assets and the successor is a non-U.S. entity, neither we nor any successor would have any obligation to compensate you for any resulting adverse tax consequences relating to your debt securities, including the imposition of U.S. withholding taxes in relation to future interest payments. Our succession by a non-U.S. entity could also impede the effective exercise of remedies available to the trustee or holders of debt securities following an event of default with respect to such debt securities.

Defeasance

When we use the term defeasance, we mean discharge from some or all of our obligations under the indenture. If we deposit with the trustee funds or government securities, or if so provided in your prospectus supplement, obligations other than government securities, sufficient to make payments on any series of debt securities on the dates those payments are due and payable and other specified conditions are satisfied, then, at our option, either of the following will occur:

we will be discharged from our obligations with respect to the debt securities of such series (legal defeasance); or

the related events of default will no longer apply to us (covenant defeasance).

If we defease any series of debt securities, the holders of such securities will not be entitled to the benefits of the indenture, except for our obligations to register the transfer or exchange of such securities, replace stolen, lost or mutilated securities or maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust. In case of covenant defeasance, our obligation to pay principal, premium and interest on the applicable series of debt securities will also survive.

We will be required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel that the deposit and related defeasance would not cause the holders of the applicable series of debt securities to recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. If we elect legal defeasance, that opinion of counsel must be based upon a ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service or a change in law to that effect.

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In addition, we may discharge all our obligations under the indenture with respect to debt securities of any series, other than our obligation to register the transfer of and exchange debt securities of that series, provided that we either:

deliver all outstanding debt securities of that series to the trustee for cancellation; or

all such debt securities not so delivered for cancellation have either become due and payable or will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year, and in the case of this bullet point, we have deposited with the trustee in trust an amount of cash sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness of such debt securities, including interest to the stated maturity or applicable redemption date.

Limitations on liens

Neither we nor any domestic subsidiary of ours will issue, assume or guarantee any debt secured by a mortgage, lien, pledge or other encumbrance upon real or personal property of ours or of any of our domestic subsidiaries that is located in the continental U.S. without providing that the debt securities will be secured equally and ratably or prior to the debt so long as the debt is so secured. However, this provision shall not apply to the following:

Mortgages existing on the date of the indenture;

Mortgages existing at the time a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity becomes a domestic subsidiary of ours or at the time it is merged into or consolidated with us or a domestic subsidiary of ours;

Mortgages in favor of Anadarko or any domestic subsidiary of ours;

Mortgages on property (a) existing at the time of the property's acquisition, (b) to secure payment of all or part of the property's purchase price, or (c) to secure debt incurred prior to, at the time of or within 180 days after the acquisition, the completion of construction or the commencement of full operation of the property or for the purpose of financing all or part of the property's purchase price;

Mortgages in favor of the United States of America, any state, any other country or any political subdivision required by contract or statute;

Mortgages on property to secure all or part of the cost of construction, development or repair, alteration or improvement of the property not later than one year after the completion of or the placing into operation the property;

Mortgages on minerals or geothermal resources in place, or on related leasehold or other property interests, which are incurred to finance development, production or acquisition costs;

Mortgages on equipment used or usable for drilling, servicing or operation of oil, gas, coal or other mineral properties or of geothermal properties;

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Mortgages required by any contract or statute in order to permit us or a subsidiary of ours to perform any contract or subcontract made with or at the request of the U S., any state or any department, agency or instrumentality of either; or

Any extension, renewal or replacement of any mortgage referred to in the preceding items or of any debt secured by those mortgages as long as the extension, renewal or replacement will be limited to substantially the same property (plus improvements) which secured the mortgage.

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Notwithstanding anything mentioned above, we and any one or more of our domestic subsidiaries may issue, assume or guarantee debt secured by mortgages that would otherwise be subject to the foregoing restrictions in an aggregate principal amount which, together with the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all other debt of ours and our domestic subsidiaries that would otherwise be subject to the foregoing restrictions, does not at any one time exceed 15% of our Consolidated Net Tangible Assets, which is defined as the aggregate amount of assets of Anadarko and its domestic subsidiaries after deducting therefrom all current liabilities (other than current maturities of long term debt), goodwill, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangibles as calculated on our consolidated balance sheet as of a date within 150 days prior to the date of determination.

In addition, the preceding restrictions shall apply only to the following types of property:

minerals or geothermal resources in place, pipelines, distribution or gathering systems, storage facilities or processing plants located in the U.S. and owned by us or any domestic subsidiary, the gross book value of which exceeds 5% of our Consolidated Net Tangible Assets, other than any such property which, in the opinion of our board of directors, is not of material importance to our total business; and

equity interests in our domestic subsidiaries.

The following types of transactions shall not be deemed to create debt secured by mortgages: (1) the sale or other transfer of oil, gas or other minerals in place for a period of time until, or in an amount such that, the transferee will realize from the sale or transfer a specified amount (however determined) of money or such minerals, or the sale or other transfer of any other interest in property of the character commonly referred to as an oil payment or a production payment, and (2) the sale or other transfer by Anadarko or a domestic subsidiary of properties to a partnership, joint venture or other entity in which we or our domestic subsidiary would retain partial ownership of the properties.

Default, remedies and waiver of default

You will have special rights if an event of default with respect to your series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, as described in this subsection.

Events of default

Unless your prospectus supplement says otherwise, when we refer to an event of default with respect to any series of debt securities, we mean any of the following:

we do not pay the principal or any premium on any debt security of that series on the due date;

we do not pay interest on any debt security of that series within 60 days after the due date;

we do not deposit a sinking fund payment with regard to any debt security of that series within 60 days after the due date, but only if the payment is required under provisions described in the applicable prospectus supplement;

we default in the payment when due of other funded debt in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$100,000,000, causing such debt to become due before its stated maturity, and such default is not cured within 30 days after notice from the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series;

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we remain in breach of our covenants regarding mergers or sales of substantially all of our assets, our covenant regarding liens, or any other covenant we make in the indenture for the benefit of the relevant series, for 90 days after we receive a notice of default stating that we are in breach and requiring us to remedy the breach. The notice must be sent by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the relevant series of debt securities;

we file for bankruptcy or other events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization relating to Anadarko occur. Those events must arise under U.S. federal or state law, unless we merge, consolidate or sell our assets as described above and the successor firm is a non-U.S. entity. If that happens, then those events must arise under U.S. federal or state law or the law of the jurisdiction in which the successor firm is legally organized; or

if the applicable prospectus supplement states that any additional event of default applies to the series, that event of default occurs.

Remedies if an event of default occurs

If an event of default has occurred with respect to any series of debt securities and has not been cured or waived, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of all debt securities of that series may declare the entire principal amount of the debt securities of that series to be due immediately. If the event of default occurs because of events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization relating to Anadarko, the entire principal amount of the debt securities of that series will be automatically accelerated, without any action by the trustee or any holder.

Each of the situations described above is called an acceleration of the maturity of the affected series of debt securities. If the maturity of any series is accelerated and a judgment for payment has not yet been obtained, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of that series may cancel the acceleration for the entire series.

Indentures governing our outstanding public debt contain so-called cross-acceleration events of default, and the absence of such an event of default in the indenture could disadvantage holders of the debt securities by preventing the trustee from pursuing remedies under the indenture at a time when our other creditors may be exercising remedies under these other indentures.

If an event of default occurs, the trustee will have special duties. In that situation, the trustee will be obligated to use those of its rights and powers under the indenture, and to use the same degree of care and skill in doing so, that a prudent person would use in that situation in conducting his or her own affairs.

Except as described in the prior paragraph, the trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of any holders unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable protection from expenses and liability. This is called an indemnity. If the trustee is provided with an indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it, the holders of a majority in principal amount of all debt securities of the relevant series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee with respect to that series. These majority holders may also direct the trustee in performing any other action under the indenture with respect to the debt securities of that series.

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Before you bypass the trustee and bring your own lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to any debt security, all of the following must occur:

the holder of your debt security must give the trustee written notice that an event of default has occurred with respect to the debt securities of your series, and the event of default must not have been cured or waived;

the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of all debt securities of your series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default, and they or other holders must offer to the trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action;

the trustee must not have taken action for 60 days after the above steps have been taken; and

during those 60 days, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of your series must not have given the trustee directions that are inconsistent with the written request of the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the debt securities of your series.

You are entitled at any time, however, to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your debt security on or after its due date.

Book-entry and other indirect owners should consult their banks or brokers for information on how to give notice or direction to or make a request of the trustee and how to declare or cancel an acceleration of the maturity.

Waiver of default

The holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of any series may waive a default for all debt securities of that series. If this happens, the default will be treated as if it has not occurred. No one can waive a payment default on your debt security, however, without the approval of the particular holder of that debt security.

Annual information about defaults to the trustee

We will furnish to the trustee every year a written statement of two of our officers certifying that to their knowledge we are in compliance with the indenture and the debt securities, or else specifying any default under the indenture.

Modifications and waivers

There are three types of changes we can make to the indenture and the debt securities.

First, there are changes that cannot be made without the approval of each holder of a debt security affected by the change, including, among others:

changing the stated maturity for any principal or interest payment on a debt security;

reducing the principal amount, the amount payable on acceleration of the maturity after a default, the interest rate or the redemption price for a debt security;

changing the currency of any payment on a debt security;

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changing the place of payment on a debt security;

impair a holder's right to sue for payment of any amount due on its debt security;

reducing the percentage in principal amount of the debt securities of any one or more affected series, taken separately or together, as applicable, the approval of whose holders is needed to change the indenture or those debt securities or waive our compliance with the indenture or to waive defaults; and

changing the provisions of the indenture dealing with modification and waiver in any other respect, except to increase any required percentage referred to above or to add to the provisions that cannot be changed or waived without approval of the holder of each affected debt security.

The second type of change does not require any approval by holders of the debt securities of an affected series. These changes are limited to clarifications and changes that would not adversely affect the debt securities of that series in any material respect. Nor do we need any approval to make changes that affect only debt securities to be issued after the changes take effect. We may also make changes or obtain waivers that do not adversely affect a particular debt security, even if they affect other debt securities. In those cases, we do not need to obtain the approval of the holder of the unaffected debt security; we need only obtain any required approvals from the holders of the affected debt securities.

Any other change to the indenture and the debt securities would require the following approval:

If the change affects only the debt securities of a particular series, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of that series.

If the change affects the debt securities of more than one series of debt securities, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of all series affected by the change, with the debt securities of all the affected series voting together as one class for this purpose (and of any affected series that by its terms is entitled to vote separately as a series, as described below).

If the terms of a series entitle the holders of debt securities of such series to vote as separate class on any change, it must be approved as required under those terms.

The same majority approval would be required for us to obtain a waiver of any of our covenants in the indenture. Our covenants include the promises we make about merging or selling substantially all of our assets, which we describe above under Mergers and Similar Transactions. If the holders approve a waiver of a covenant, we will not have to comply with it. The holders, however, cannot approve a waiver of any provision in a particular debt security, or in the indenture as it affects that debt security, that we cannot change without the approval of the holder of that debt security as described above, unless that holder approves the waiver.

Only holders of outstanding debt securities of the applicable series will be eligible to take any action under the indenture, such as giving a notice of default, declaring an acceleration, approving any change or waiver or giving the trustee an instruction with respect to debt securities of that series. Also, we will count only outstanding debt securities in determining whether the various percentage requirements for taking action have been met. Any debt securities owned by us or any of our affiliates or surrendered for cancellation or for payment or redemption of which money has been set aside in trust are not deemed to be outstanding.

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In some situations, we may follow special rules in calculating the principal amount of a debt security that is to be treated as outstanding for the purposes described above. This may happen, for example, if the principal amount is payable in a non-U.S. dollar currency, increases over time or is not to be fixed until maturity.

We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders that are entitled to take action under the indenture. In certain limited circumstances, only the trustee will be entitled to set a record date for action by holders. If we or the trustee sets a record date for an approval or other action to be taken by holders, that vote or action may be taken only by persons or entities who are holders on the record date and must be taken during the period that we specify for this purpose, or that the trustee specifies if it sets the record date. We or the trustee, as applicable, may shorten or lengthen this period from time to time. This period, however, may not extend beyond the 180th day after the record date for the action. In addition, record dates for any global debt security may be set in accordance with procedures established by the depositary from time to time. Accordingly, record dates for global debt securities may differ from those for other debt securities.

Form, exchange and transfer

If any debt securities cease to be issued in registered global form, they will be issued:

only in fully registered form;

without interest coupons; and

unless we indicate otherwise in your prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000. Holders may exchange their debt securities for debt securities of smaller denominations or combined into fewer debt securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed. You may not exchange your debt securities for securities of a different series or having different terms, unless your prospectus supplement says you may.

Holders may exchange or transfer their debt securities at the office of the trustee. They may also replace lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated debt securities at that office. We have appointed the trustee to act as our agent for registering debt securities in the names of holders and transferring and replacing debt securities. We may appoint another entity to perform these functions or perform them ourselves.

Holders will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange their debt securities, but they may be required to pay for any tax or other governmental charge associated with the exchange or transfer. The transfer or exchange, and any replacement, will be made only if our transfer agent is satisfied with the holder's proof of legal ownership. The transfer agent may require an indemnity before replacing any debt securities.

If we have designated additional transfer agents for your debt security, they will be named in your prospectus supplement. We may appoint additional transfer agents or cancel the appointment of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts.

If the debt securities of any series are redeemable and we redeem less than all those debt securities, we may block the transfer or exchange of those debt securities during the period

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beginning 15 days before the day we mail the notice of redemption and ending on the day of that mailing, in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. We may also refuse to register transfers of or exchange any debt security selected for redemption, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any debt security being partially redeemed.

If a debt security is issued as a global debt security, only DTC or other depositary will be entitled to transfer and exchange the debt security as described in this subsection, since the depositary will be the sole holder of the debt security.

The rules for exchange described above apply to exchange of debt securities for other debt securities of the same series and kind. If a debt security is convertible, exercisable or exchangeable into or for a different kind of security, such as one that we have not issued, or for other property, the rules governing that type of conversion, exercise or exchange will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Payments

We will pay interest, principal and other amounts payable with respect to the debt securities of any series to the holders of record of those debt securities as of the record dates and otherwise in the manner specified below or in the prospectus supplement for that series.

We will make payments on a global debt security in accordance with the applicable policies of the depositary as in effect from time to time. Under those policies, we will pay directly to the depositary, or its nominee, and not to any indirect owners who own beneficial interests in the global debt security. An indirect owner's right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depositary and its participants.

We will make payments on a debt security in non-global, registered form as follows. We will pay interest that is due on an interest payment date by check mailed on the interest payment date to the holder at his or her address shown on the trustee's records as of the close of business on the regular record date. We will make all other payments by check at the paying agent described below, against surrender of the debt security. All payments by check will be made in next-day funds i.e., funds that become available on the day after the check is cashed.

Alternatively, if a non-global debt security has a face amount of at least \$1,000,000 and the holder asks us to do so, we will pay any amount that becomes due on the debt security by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account at a bank in New York City, on the due date. To request wire payment, the holder must give the paying agent appropriate wire transfer instructions at least five business days before the requested wire payment is due. In the case of any interest payment due on an interest payment date, the instructions must be given by the person or entity who is the holder on the relevant regular record date. In the case of any other payment, payment will be made only after the debt security is surrendered to the paying agent. Any wire instructions, once properly given, will remain in effect unless and until new instructions are given in the manner described above.

Book-entry and other indirect owners should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.

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Paying agents

We may appoint one or more financial institutions to act as our paying agents, at whose designated offices debt securities in non-global entry form may be surrendered for payment at their maturity. We call each of those offices a paying agent. We may add, replace or terminate paying agents from time to time. We may also choose to act as our own paying agent. We will specify in the prospectus supplement for your debt security the initial location of each paying agent for that debt security. We must notify the trustee of changes in the paying agents.

Notices

Notices to be given to holders of a global debt security will be given only to the depositary, in accordance with its applicable policies as in effect from time to time. Notices to be given to holders of debt securities not in global form will be sent by mail to the respective addresses of the holders as they appear in the trustee's records, and will be deemed given when mailed. Neither the failure to give any notice to a particular holder, nor any defect in a notice given to a particular holder, will affect the sufficiency of any notice given to another holder.

Book-entry and other indirect owners should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive notices.

Our relationship with the trustee

The prospectus supplement for your debt security will describe any material relationships we may have with the trustee.

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Description of common stock

As of the date of this prospectus, we are authorized to issue up to 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock. As of June 30, 2006, we had approximately 463,500,000 shares of common stock issued and 459,500,000 shares of common stock outstanding and had reserved 44,900,000 additional shares of common stock for issuance under our various stock and compensation incentive plans and direct purchase and dividend reimbursement plan.

The following summary is not complete and is not intended to give full effect to provisions of statutory or common law. You should refer to the applicable provisions of the following documents:

our restated certificate of incorporation, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-60496) dated May 9, 2001;

the amendment to our restated certificate of incorporation, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 8-K dated July 28, 2000;

the amendment to our restated certificate of incorporation, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(d) to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006;

our by-laws, as amended, which are incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(b) to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004; and

the description of our common stock set forth in the registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on September 3, 1986, and the Form 8-A12B filed with the SEC on October 30, 1998 as amended by the Form 8-A12B/A filed with the SEC on April 27, 2000.

Common stock

Dividends. The holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of funds legally available for their payment subject to the rights of holders of preferred stock.

Voting rights. The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders.

Rights upon liquidation. In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to share equally in any of our assets available for distribution after the payment in full of all debts and distributions and after the holders of all series of outstanding preferred stock have received their liquidation preferences in full.

Miscellaneous. The outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. The holders of our common stock are not entitled to preemptive or redemption rights. Shares of our common stock are not convertible into shares of any other class of capital stock.

Preferred stock

Our restated certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors, without further stockholder action, to provide for the issuance of up to 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock, in one or more series, and to fix the designations, terms, and relative rights and preferences,

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including the dividend rate, voting rights, conversion rights, redemption and sinking fund provisions and liquidation values of each of these series. We may amend from time to time our restated certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of preferred stock. Any amendment like this would require the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares. As of the date of this prospectus, 200,000 shares of preferred stock have been reserved for issuance as 5.46% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B, of which approximately 46,450 shares are outstanding. In addition, our board of directors has authorized shares of Series C preferred stock for issuance under our rights agreement, none of which currently is outstanding.

One of the effects of authorized but undesignated Series C preferred stock may be to enable our board of directors to render more difficult or to discourage an attempt to obtain control of us by means of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or otherwise, and as a result, to protect the continuity of our management. The issuance of shares of Series C preferred stock by our board of directors as described above may adversely affect the rights of the holders of our common stock. For example, Series C preferred stock issued by us may rank superior to the our common stock as to dividend rights, liquidation preference or both, may have full or limited voting rights and may be convertible into shares of our common stock. Accordingly, the issuance of shares of Series C preferred stock may discourage bids for our common stock or may otherwise adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Delaware anti-takeover law and certain charter and bylaw provisions

Our restated certificate of incorporation, bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL contain certain provisions that could discourage potential takeover attempts and make it more difficult for our stockholders to change management or receive a premium for their shares.

Delaware law. We are subject to Section 203 of the DGCL, an anti-takeover law. In general, the statute prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder. A business combination includes a merger, sale of 10% or more of our assets and certain other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the stockholder. For purposes of Section 203, an interested stockholder is defined to include any person that is:

the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation;

an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the owner of 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock outstanding, at any time within three years immediately before the relevant date; and

an affiliate or associate of the persons described in the foregoing bullet points.
However, the above provisions of Section 203 do not apply if:

our board approves the transaction that made the stockholder an interested stockholder before the date of that transaction;

after the completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, that stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding shares owned by our officers and directors; or

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on or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combinations approved by our board and authorized at a meeting of our stockholders by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

Stockholders may, by adopting an amendment to the corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, elect for the corporation not to be governed by Section 203, effective 12 months after adoption. Neither our certificate of incorporation nor our bylaws exempts us from the restrictions imposed under Section 203. It is anticipated that the provisions of Section 203 may encourage companies interested in acquiring us to negotiate in advance with our board.

Charter and bylaw provisions. Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders may only be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and may not be taken by written consent of the stockholders. Special meetings of stockholders may only be called by the board.

Directors may be removed, for cause only, with the approval of the holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors. Vacancies resulting from any increase in the number of directors may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, provided a quorum is present. Any other vacancy may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director.

In the event of a proposed merger or tender offer, proxy contest or other attempt to gain control of us which is not approved by our board of directors, it would be possible for our board of directors to authorize the issuance of one or more series of preferred stock with voting rights or other rights and preferences which would impede the success of the proposed merger, tender offer, proxy contest or other attempt to gain control of us. This authority may be limited by applicable law, our restated certificate of incorporation and the applicable rules of the stock exchanges upon which our common stock is listed. The consent of the holders of our common stock would not be required for any issuance of preferred stock in these situations.

Limitation of liability; indemnification

Our restated certificate of incorporation contains certain provisions permitted under the DGCL relating to the liability of directors. These provisions eliminate a director's personal liability for monetary damages resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty, except that a director will be personally liable:

for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;

for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

under Section 174 of the DGCL relating to unlawful stock repurchases or dividends; and

for any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

These provisions do not limit or eliminate our rights or those of any stockholder to seek non-monetary relief, such as an injunction or rescission, in the event of a breach of a director's fiduciary duty. These provisions will not alter a director's liability under federal securities laws.

Our bylaws also provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law and that we must advance expenses, as incurred, to our directors and officers in connection with a legal proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, subject to very limited exceptions.

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Stock exchange

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol APC.

Transfer agent and registrar

The Transfer Agent and Registrar for our common stock is Mellon Investor Services LLC, South Hackensack, New Jersey. Its phone number is (888) 470-5786.

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Legal matters

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the securities offered under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Additional legal matters may be passed on for us, or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Experts

The consolidated financial statements of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Certain information with respect to the oil and gas reserves associated with Anadarko's oil and gas prospects is confirmed in the review letter of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., an independent petroleum consulting firm, and has been included in this document, and incorporated by reference into this document, upon the authority of said firm as experts with respect to the matters covered by such review letter and in giving such review letter.

The consolidated financial statements of Kerr-McGee at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005 incorporated in this Form S-3 by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on September 8, 2006, have been audited by Ernst & Young, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon, and are so incorporated in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Certain information with respect to the oil and gas reserves associated with Kerr-McGee's oil and gas prospects is confirmed in the review letter of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., an independent petroleum consulting firm, and has been included or incorporated by reference into this document, upon the authority of said firm as experts with respect to the matters covered by such review letter and in giving such review letter.

The audited historical financial statements of Western Gas Resources, Inc. at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this Form S-3 by reference to our current report on Form 8-K/A filed on September 8, 2006, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Certain information with respect to the oil and gas reserves associated with Western Gas Resources, Inc.'s oil and gas prospects is derived from the reports of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., an independent petroleum consulting firm, and has been included or incorporated by reference into this document, upon the authority of said firm as experts with respect to the matters covered by such reports and in giving such reports.

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